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Applicant: Thomas R. Winston, et al. : Group Art Unit: 3737  
Serial No.: 09/539,015 : Examiner: Ruth S. Smith  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS :  
FOR GUIDING A GUIDE :  
WIRE :  
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**TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is:  
Amendment Transmittal (3 pgs) In Duplicate  
Amendment in Response to Office Action Dated April 30, 2003 ( 13 pgs.)  
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**STATUS**

2. Applicant  
 claims small entity status.  
 is other than a small entity.

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## EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a)  Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> second month	\$ 410.00	\$ 205.00
<input type="checkbox"/> third month	\$ 930.00	\$ 465.00
<input type="checkbox"/> fourth month	\$1,450.00	\$ 725.00
<input type="checkbox"/> fifth month	\$1,970.00	\$ 985.00
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	Fee Due	\$ 205.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

An extension of \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ 205.00.

OR

(b)  Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

## FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
			HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	
TOTAL INDEP.	MINUS	=	x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$
	MINUS	=	x \$42 = \$		x \$84 = \$
— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			+ \$140 = \$		+ \$280 = \$
			TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$

(a)  No additional fee for Claims is required

**OR**

(b)  Total additional fee for claims required \$

**FEE PAYMENT**

5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$205.00.  
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

**FEE DEFICIENCY**

6.  If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

**AND/OR**

If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

7.  Other:



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